

Friendship Proves Costly, \$180 Worth

Leo J. Meagher, 61, of 1887 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, was just too kind to a stranger last Wednesday, sheriff's deputies reported, and he paid dearly for it, too.

Meagher told deputies Thursday that \$180 in cash was taken from his wallet by a man he picked up on the highway and befriended.

He said he stopped and gave a hitchhiker a ride Wednesday night at 174th St. and Crossshaw Blvd. The stranger was looking for a street address in this area, but when the fog became too thick, Meagher told officials, he invited the man to stay all night at his home in Lomita.

Meagher awoke at 10:30 a.m. Thursday and found the man gone, and nine \$20 bills taken from his wallet.

Authorities say the stranger is around 30 years old, 5' tall and weighs about 170 pounds.

Deputies Seek Holdup Man

Sheriff's deputies are seeking a blond bandit with a crew-cut, who reportedly tried to hold up a young couple Sunday night while the pair was parked in the Palos Verdes area.

Jesus M. Sanchez, 27, of Wilmington, told authorities that while he and Julia Abarca, 18, of San Pedro, were parked at Via Colonia and Palos Verdes Dr. East, a man came to the window of the car and asked for assistance in getting his car started.

Authorities said Sanchez told them that when he rolled down the window to answer the man, the intruder pulled a gun and said "this is a holdup." Sanchez quickly rolled up the window, started the car and left, but not before the bandit had poked two holes in the window of his car, he told deputies.

The victims told officials the incident occurred about 7:30 p.m. Sunday.



NO DOWN . . . But plenty of upside down, when car driven by John Blodgett, 19, flipped near Lomita and Hawthorne Blvds. last Friday at 5:15 p.m. Blodgett, 613 Calle Miramar, said he was trying to avoid collision with another car when the vehicle went out of control. He was uninjured.

Horses Taken From Corral

Two Arabian horses were taken from a corral near his home Monday, a Rolling Hills man complained to sheriff's deputies this week.

Elmer E. Groothuis, 51, of 44 Eastfield Rd., told authorities he checked the corral Monday morning and everything was

secure. But in the afternoon, he went out again to check on the horses and found them both gone. Someone had smashed the fence surrounding the horses, he said.

The victim said the horses, one a white mare and the other a white yearling, are worth about \$100 each.

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TIGHT WIRE ARREST . . . Tartar polo vaulter Larry Denning seems to be swilling on bar as he misses at try to clear 12 feet during meet here Friday with Hawthorne. Denning nearly scored over 11'9" mark to take first place, but failed in subsequent tries to make it over the higher level. Tartars took meet easily, downing Congress, 79-33 in Varsity and 39 1/2-32 1/2 in Cee class events. Bee squads tied at 43-43.

Saxon Nine Faces Redondo Squad Tomorrow in First Game of Term

Coach Del Nuzum will go with a handful of freshmen tomorrow when the North High Saxons play their first game of the season.

The 5 p.m. game will find the veteran Seahawk club heavily favored.

Nuzum will start right-hander Bob Skinner, a Gardens transfer, on the mound in the hope of turning back the potent Redondo clubbers.

Thursday, same time, the Redondans trek to NHS for a return practice game. By that time, Nuzum said, he will have caught Ron Anderson, Ray Grishaber, Steve Beckel, Al Biedsee and Ken Simpson on the starting line.

Following the two games with Redondo, the locals meet Centennial in a pair of non-loop affairs before jumping into the Pioneer League race. They launch the league schedule here against Hawthorne on March 15.

Probable starters tomorrow for the Saxons will be Bob Walker, catcher; Skinner, pitcher; Dave Gilbert, first base; Emil Capik, second; Steve Mearing, third; Dennis Harvey, shortstop; George Ballinger, left field; Ernie Thomsen, center; and Tom Poulton, right.

Nuzum said Thomsen, a 6-footer with left, is one of the best prep freshmen sluggers he's seen.

The NHS Jayvee nine will meet Redondo here tomorrow, and there on Thursday.

VARSITY SCHEDULE

Feb. 21	at Redondo
Feb. 22	at Centennial
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Feb. 24	at Centennial
Feb. 25	at Centennial
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Mar. 31	at Centennial

SPORTS MAILBOX

Dear Sports Editor:
I desire to express the sincere appreciation of the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge, 1378, to your fine sports staff for the publicity given the March of Dimes benefit baseball game, played Sunday at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach.

It is a distinct pleasure for our lodge to sponsor such an outstanding event annually and the participants are deserving of much commendation. They give freely of their time and effort to aid a worthy cause. We are indeed fortunate in obtaining such fine talent for this event and every participant is truly a fine sport and gentleman.

May I again express appreciation and thanks on behalf of the members of the Redondo Elks for your cooperation in publicizing this ball game in the Torrance HERALD edition of Feb. 9.

WILLIAM M. EVERETT
Esteemed Leading Knight,
Redondo Beach Elks
Lodge 1378
Publicity Chairman

Naval Air Recruiters To Be Here

A Naval Air Recruiting team will be at the corner of Marcellina Ave. and Sartori Ave. Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to answer questions about the Navy's two-year enlistment program.

The Navy is offering a two-year enlistment in place of the usual four or six year hitch. Information will also be available about the Naval Air Reserve.

Radio 'Hams' To Meet Here

The South Bay Amateur Radio Assn. will meet Wednesday evening at 8 in the old fire station building next to the Torrance City Hall. It was announced Saturday by Don Grayson, trustee for the association.

Cooke Paces Tartar Spike Team to Win

Gary Cooke's blazing speed paved the way for the Tartar Varsity Friday as the local thinclads smashed Hawthorne in the first spike meet of the season, 79-23, on the THIS track.

The Bee squads tied, 43-43, while the Tartar Cees, behind Bill Morris' big win in the shot, took their meet with the Cougars, 39 1/2-32 1/2.

Cooke was timed in 10.1 and 22.3 in taking both the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He also ran 220-yard dashes. He also ran 220-yard dashes. He also ran 220-yard dashes.

Skip Smith, Larry Denning, Myron Schmidt and Len Ehlers also came home with some good marks for the Varsity.

Participating in a number of events, Smith took second in the shot put, won the broad jump at 19'9", took second in the low hurdles and ran the relay.

Denning leaped over the bar at 11'8" to win easily in the pole vault, while Schmidt took the 440 in 54.0 and Ehlers won the 880-yard run with the time of 2:11.3.

Other Tartar Varsity winners were John Treany in the mile and Duane Cooke in both hurdle races.

The best mark of the meet went to Morris, a sophomore, who tossed the eight-pound iron ball way out to 51'3" to set a new school record by more than a foot. The Cee star is counted on by Coaches Jack Miller and Don Forster to get even better during the term and possibly threaten the CIF Cee shot mark.

Anglers and others interested still have time to express their views on the proposed 1986 angling regulations before the Friday meeting of the Fish and Game Commission in Los Angeles.

Those wishing to appear in person may do so at the meeting, to be held at 9 a.m. in the first floor assembly room of the State Building.

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